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Weather Indications. WASHINGTON, June 25 .- Forecast until 8 p. m. Tuesday: For Kansas—Generally fair; variable winds.

PEOPLE go to the mountains in summer in search of cooler climbs.

SENATORS have made what some

tell all you know.

SENATOR HILL, according to his action Saturday, seems to have solved the ques-

tion of perpetual motion. Coxey has proved his right to the Populist nomination for congress, he talked two hours in opening his cam-

This hot weather if nothing else was sufficient to drive the coal miners back to work underground to keep them from burning up.

SINCE the American Derby has been gun, a great moral revulsion has set in among some people against the playing of Dominoes.

GOVERNOR TILLMAN is getting quite pointed in his remarks; he says he will use a pitchfork on Grover's old fat ribs if he is elected.

REPUBLICAN state conventions are endorsing free silver with so much enthusiasm and so generally that the Populists are begining to fear there is something bad about it.

SECRETARY MORTON can't curry favor with the Populists by sending flowers to Jerry Simpson. It will take something greater than that to atone for his wearing patent leather shoes.

So MANY Democrats are coming out for woman suffrage that it will now be quite the thing for a certain class of Republican papers to say that it is the duty of all Republicans to vote against it.

WHEN Governor Waite arrives in Topeka an incendiary talking match should be arranged between him and Secretary Osborn. It is too bad he won't be here on the Fourth of July, for it would save buying fireworks.

NEW YORK, Chicago and Philadelphia, the largest three cities in the country are all investigating immense police blackmail scandals. When our large cities become civilized this country will be well on towards the millenium.

THE indignation of Governor Waite at the outrage committed upon Adjutant General Tursney was perfectly just, but the insane old man cannot see that his own wild talk has done more than anything else to make such acts possible.

Ir has been demonstrated that the police can close the joints in Topeka if they want to. That they don't care to enforce the law, and will not do so until their neglect of duty becomes so notorious as to meet with public indignation, has been equally well known.

CARL BROWNE was stopped from distributing commonweal badges in the capitol because of the rule against advertising material being peddled there. Congress itself has given the Coxeyites enough free advertising to purchase all the badges in the world but no one seems able to stop it.

C. P. HUNTINGTON says from what he has heard of Attorney General Olney he feels sure "he would not have commenced the Pacific railroad suits unless he had considered it his duty to do so." From what the people know of Mr. Olney they feel sure he would not have commenced the suits unless he had had to.

SENATOR HARRIS administered a much needed and deserved rebuke to insolent eastern provincialism, when he answered Senator Hill's slur upon Tennessee manners by saying that he "didn't care for an exhibition of the manners of the slums of New York." Even if there existed the distinction implied in the New York senator's remarks, honest awkwardness is much to be preferred to polished perfidy.

JOINING SILVER'S RANKS. The Republican state convention of California which was held last week, adopted a platform which included the following utterance on the silver ques-

We favor the free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1, and the making of silver as well as gold a legal tender for the payment of all debts, both public and private, and we pledge our congressional nominees to support the principles contained in this resolution.

It cannot be said that this free silver sentiment in California is in the interest of the producers of silver, for the very good reason that there is no silver to speak of produced in that state. In the year 1892 the output of her mines was in round numbers \$12,000,000 in gold and less than half a million in silver. In view of these facts it must be conceded that the California Republicans were actuated by other motives than a desire to benefit the silver miners. The most plausible theory is that they have joined the ranks of those who believe in an American money and an American system of finance, and who believe furthermore that the hard times arelargely due to the unfriendly attitude of the government toward the white metal. It is worthy of remark that this friendly feeling toward the tabooed metal has broken out in Maine and California almost simultaneously. Hon. Tom Reed's utterances on silver must have reached California just about the time that platform was being formulated. These incidents are but the white caps preceding the storm. Will the Republicans of other states come into port before they are overtaken by the big waves?

HIGH UP MASONS. Who Will Bein Topoka the Middle of

Next Month. The will be a distinguished body of would call a sweet mess out of the tariff bill.

MR. HAVEMEYER may find out that there are some times when it is best to

The general grand chapter is the supreme legislative body of the capitulate Masons. The general grand council is the supreme legislative body of the cryptic Masons.

The general grand bodies correspond in masonry to the congress of the United

Forty grand chapters compose the general grand chapter and the same number of grand councils, the general

Each grand or state body sends the three leading officers as representatives to the general grand meetings. This will make 240 representatives in attendance at the meetings. In addition to these, there will be about one hundred who have held office in the grand meet-

These general grand bodies only meet once every three years. The last meeting was held at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1891.

The reason Topeka was selected was because of Zabud council of this city. This council is famous for its work all over the United States. It was in order to see the work of this council that the general grand bodies selected Topeka. The general grand council will meet in the Masonic lodge rooms on Jackson street, and the general grand chapter will meet either in the senate chamber

or Hamilton hall.

There will be fully 300 uniformed masons from abroad in the city.

ONLY LET THINGS ALONE.

Mr. Washburn Certain That It's Tariff

Tinkering That Makes Times Dull. A. Washburn, cashier of the Kansas National bank, says: "I do not think that business will ever be better until we have a change of both state and national administrations. There is just as much money in the country as ever, but the trouble is that no one has any confidence and all are waiting to see what will be

"If the Democrats would let the tariff alone I am satisfied that things would begin to improve and confidence and business would be fully restored in a short time. I do not think times are any worse but they are no better."

A WAVE OF INSANITY.

Judge Eillott Notices an Unaccountable

Increase in This County. Probate Judge Elliott: "We are having a wave of insanity in this county just now. I have had five cases which have been passed on, and there are two more

"Insanity goes by streaks, and there may be several months when we will not have a case. I have noticed that there are always more cases of insanity as the weather grows hot and it subsides as fall approaches.

With but little care and no trouble, the beard and mustache can be kept uniform brown or black color by using Buckingham's Dye for the whiskers.

Card of Thanks. We desire to express our sincere thanks to the kind and sympathetic friends who so ably assisted us during the sickness and death of our daughter. Temple, and Rev. Long of the Third Presbyterian church; also desire to express our appreciation of the beautiful lowers from Topeka Temple, No. 2 Pythian sisters, Fairie May lodge No. 29 B. of L. F., and the wreaths and emblems from many other other kind and sympa-

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AN HOUR IN THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S DOMAIN.

The Comb and the Glass, the Porpoise, Mother Carey's Chickens and the Sea Serpent-Old Songs and New Ones-Naval War Becords.

[Special Correspondence.] WASHINGTON, June 21.-Hon. Hilary A. Herbert, secretary of the navy, returned from his long western tour literally glowing with health and has since been unusually busy over current business and the accumulated arrears. In these stirring times for the navy department it is no easy matter to get to the secretary. I found his anteroom pretty well filled with members of congress and other applicants, but being armed with a letter from one of the secretary's warmest supporters in the house I only had to wait an hour and a half for



an interview, which gave me time to study and enjoy the classic portraits of former naval secretaries which shine on the walls. Fine looking men, too, they were, but two portraits possessed for me a special interest-one of Hon. Richard W. Thompson of Terre Haute, whose eighty-fifth birthday was recently celebrated with such eclat, and the other of Secretary Upshur of Tyler's cabinet, who was killed in the famous explosion on the Princeton. Long ago, when Secretary Thompson was looked upon in the Wabash valley as a distinguished exmember of congress, able jurist and party leader, but was supposed to have retired from office for all time, I have' heard him talk of the stirring events and shocking tragedies of fifty odd years ago. It seems very strange that he who was thought too old to be an available candidate for congress in 1870 should afterward have done four years' good work as secretary of the navy, but as he used to say, "They raise tough men in old Culpeper, Va." No Naval Secrets.

Secretary Herbert, in response to various questions, laughingly replied: "There is really nothing to say, for evinto the n soon as it is known here, and a great deal gets into print that we do not know. All the facts about the navy are in the latest official report. It only remains to say that all goes well, and the last trial at Indian Head proved the armor plate impenetrable at ordinary range. No other branch of the government can have fewer secrets than this one, for we have none at all. The public shall know all that we know as fast as it can be put into print, but if you want to enjoy yourself awhile and lay the foundation for some business go to our library, where the work on the naval records has been well begun. Allow me to put you in charge of Lieutenant Reamey.!' And by this time six or seven more congressmen and others had come in and stood in waiting. Lieutenant Reamey, naval aid to the secretary, took me up to the record room, where I was made acquainted with Lieutenant Commander Richard Rush of the navy, who is superintendent of the naval war records, and therefore acting librarian. In his society I soon forgot business and put in some two hours, with a good deal of laughter, in looking over the queer old documents.

Stirring and Amosing. They have here copies of all the alleged poetry produced in the British navy-that is, all which lived long enough to get into print-and of every song, it is believed, composed over the achievements of American tars. Of the whole mess, a few, a very few, are really sublime, many more are stirring, and all the rest are highly amusing. In the British collection only the songs actually composed and sung by sailors have been preserved, and the oldest one tells of the great victory over the Dutch in the reign of Charles II. The poet, begins with a short summary of all the achievements of British sailors down to that time in this style:

Why, I'm singing of French, Dutch and Span-And going to give you each regular date Since the year that we conquered the famous

Which hap't fifteen hundred and eighty-Queen Elizabeth, bless the old girl, was placed ready, If they landed, to show them some true Eng-

lish sport, But their whiskers were sing'd by bold Drake, brave and steady,
Just to save them a licking at Tillbury fort.
Then hurrah for the tars of old England so

free, The pride of the world and the lord of the sea. A little later they were singing a different song when the Dutch sailed up the Thames and burned many English ships and when for the last time the roar of foreign guns was heard at the Tower of London, but the collection contains no poetry on that. Of course all the songs of a social nature are full of reference to Wapping, Greenwich and other places where the tars enjoyed themselves ashore, and the most interesting in this line is the oft quoted burlesqued piece about the man whose heart

was true to his Poll. It opens thus: Peerless Steam Laundry—Peerless If ever a sailor was fond of good sport team Laundry. 'Mongst the girls, why, that sailor was L If all sizes and sorts, I'd a wife at each port,
But when that I saw'd Polly Ply
I hail'd her my lovely, and gav'd her a kiss,
And swore to bring up once for all,
And from the time black Barnaby spliced us

to this I've been constant and true to my Pell.

Gallant Paul Jones. In the "lamentable ballads" of shipwreck the same superstitions are repeated through the 300 years. One was that if a woman was seen on the shore with a comb and glass in her hands the ship was doomed. The porpoise, Mother Carey's chickens, the Flying Dutchman, the sea serpent and the merman who climbed up the side of the ship appear and reappear like regular acquaintances. In the American collection there is equal sentiment and far more humor. All our early heroes of the sea are celebrated in every kind of doggerel and pictured in every conceivable attitude but none so often and so grandiloquently as Paul Jones. He is shown in every possible and impossible attitude which the riotous fancy of the rude artists could suggest, but the favorite pose presents him as dashing onto the enemy's deck, swinging over his head a cutlass about nine feet long and carrying a whole arsenal in his belt, while bombs and hand grenades are bursting all around. The song about his famous victory of Sept. 23, 1779, was sung in all the theaters and popular resorts for 40 years and had not entirely lost its hold on the public when the civil war began. It starts off by telling how-

An American frigate, a frigate of fame, With guns mounting forty, the Richard by

name,

Sailed to cruise in the channels of old England with a valiant commander, Paul Jones was his name.

Hurrah, hurrah! Our country forever, hurrah!

There are 14 stanzas, and the account of the battle is remarkably correct. The gem of the collection is a combination of stirring poetry and humor which celebrates the destruction of the Guerriere by the Constitution Aug. 19, 1812. Specimen stanzas are these:

It offtimes has been told
That the British seamen bold
Could flog the tars of France so neat and
handy, oh!
But they never found their match

Till the Yankees did them catch. Oh, the Yankee boys for fighting are the dan-

The first broadside we pour'd Carried her mainmast by the board. Which made this lofty frigate look abandon'd, oh! Then Dacres shook his head, And to his officers he said, "Lord! I didn't think these Yankees were

Then Dacres came on board To deliver up his sword,
Though loath was he to part with it, it was so

handy, oh! "Oh, keep your sword," says Hull, "For it only makes you dull!" Cheer up and let us have a little brandy, oh!

Naval War Records. The old songs stir the blood, and we love to think of the golden age of the American navy, but still it is a pleasure to turn from them and read of the latest courtesies between the two great English speaking nations-how Captain Mahan of the cruiser Chicago received the British naval dignitaries on his deck; how he became the lion of the London season; how his views were greatly exploited in the Pall Mall Ga zette, and how he has been banqueted and feted and sought at such length that, as he says, six months would be too short a time for all the festivities

proposed by his hosts. Commander Rush has completed his plan of publication for the Naval War Record, and the work is now in rapid progress. It will necessarily differ very much from the series relating the events of the war on land, with which the public is now familiar. It has been thought best to divide it into purely official and narrative sections. The first series will contain reports, orders and correspondence, both Federal and Confederate, of all naval operations during the civil war, together with the operations of vessels which acted singly ejther as cruisers or privateers in any part of the world.

It was a great misfortune that the Confederate naval archives were burned when Richmond was evacuated, but it is now believed that the loss can be largely made up by original documents and personal testimonies. So far as possible the Federal report of any event will be followed immediately by the Confederate. The second series will begin with the condition of the Federal navy in April, 1861, and will proceed historically with the construction and outfit of the navies of both powers, the statistical data of all vessels and all other impor-



IN THESE PIPING TIMES OF PEACE. tant historical events. The third series will be supplementary to the other two, containing reports and correspondence of a character which will summarize

and complete the history. My space is exhausted before I have reached the present condition of naval affairs or even alluded to naval history. The best history, of course, is the old and familiar one of Fenimore Cooper, but it brings the record down only to 1860. Theodore Roosevelt's history of the naval war of 1813 is the product of tireless industry and is accurate accordingly, but to most people it is extremely tedious. Of events since Sumter was fired on a really comprehensive and popalar history is yet to be written. J. H. BEADLE.

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